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Comments on NSA, Budget

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Five out of the seven governmental agencies to whom the University releases student files receive records at the request of students involved, Chancellor Roger W. Heyns said last night.

Speaking in Deutsch Hall at an after-dinner question-and-answer period, "The vast majority" of deviations to this rule are in cases where present and past students need security clearances for jobs

for which they are applying.

The Chancellor endorsed the stand taken yesterday by Raymond Bontag, professor emeritus of history, which condoned subsidizing of the National Student Association by the Central Intelligence Agency as the most feasible way of supporting the student group.

Heyns pointed out that the freedom of the NSA, especially its appeal as a liberal student group, would have been curtailed if congressional interference had been allowed.

He declined joining in "the clamor" that NSA members had been manipulated, but did say the student has the responsibility to cooperate with the CIA.

We are in a struggle for our ideas of the good society, he explained, and some of these national goals must be partially carried out in secret.

In response to the controversy over the department of anthropology's decision not to rehire Ernest Becker, lecturer in anthropology, the Chancellor said that professorial recruitment must originate in the department, and that he himself had just heard of the decision.

Heyns gave little credence to predictions of a marked rise in the resignation rates of professors due to the recent controversies over a proposed tuition and budget cut for the University.

Although some personnel at the "junior level" have been turning down offers from the University, the Chancellor expressed confidence that the reservoir of good-will and confidence the administration enjoys among the faculty will continue if the present budgetary crisis is not perpetuated.

In response to a question as to whether he thought the second student march on Sacramento over the budget cut-tuition battle produced a negative effect, he replied "Yes, I think it did." Heyns thought the march itself was bad strategy, considering the people to be influenced.

Heyns pointed out that the campus has played a part in the negative image now held in the public mind of the University. It is our duty now to aid the enormous problem of improving public confidence, he said.

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